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BLM Signs Arkansas River Travel Management Plan Decision Record

CANON CITY---Sally Wisely, the BLM Colorado State Director, signed the Decision Record for the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan. The Arkansas River Travel Management Plan Decision Record amends off-highway vehicle designations in the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan (RMP) in the following manner:

- OHV open designations in Texas Creek, Grand Canyon Hills, and Sand Gulch are changed to OHV limited to roads and trails;
- OHV open designation at Turkey Rock, a 52 acre portion of the Sand Gulch area, is changed to limited by vehicle type;
- OHV limited designation on High Mesa Grassland Research Natural Area/Instant Study Area is changed to OHV closed.

The Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan governs activities that take place on public lands administered by the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office in Canon City.

These decisions are based on alternatives and analysis contained in the travel management environmental assessment, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by the BLM, the goals and objectives of the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan and public input provided throughout the planning process.

These documents are available on the Royal Gorge Field Office website at the following address:

The next steps in the process are to finalize a decision to designate roads and trails and to implement those decisions once they are finalized.

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